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Title: OPTICAL FILTER HAVING A SHAPED FILTER FUNCTION

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the first Office Action mailed January 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) An optical filter comprising:

a first optical element including a first reflective element for receiving light and reflecting a first wavelength band of the light centered at a first reflection wavelength, the first reflective element characterized by a first filter function; and

a second optical element, optically connected to the first optical element to receive the reflected first wavelength band of the light, including a second reflective element for reflecting a second wavelength band of the light centered at a second reflection wavelength, the second reflective element characterized by a second filter function;

whereby the amplitude profile of the first filter function is different than the amplitude profile of the second filter function, and the first wavelength band and the second wavelength band overlap spectrally.

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